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In re Application of:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Japan 2001-16383
Europe 0863658A2

An English language Abstract for the document Japan 2001-16383 has been located and is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed Abstract. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed



invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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